

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY- USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled EG-VEGF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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and under 35 U.S.C. §120 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/886,242 filed on June 20, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a), as a continuation-in-part, to international application number PCT/US00/32678 filed on December 1, 2000, which in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, as a continuation-in-part to international applications PCT/US00/08439 filed on March 30, 2000, PCT/US00/04914 filed on February 24, 2000, and PCT/US00/00219 filed on January 5, 2000, the latter claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to provisional application number 60/145,698 filed on July 26, 1999 (now abandoned) and under 35 U.S.C. §120, as a continuation-in-part, to international application PCT/US99/12252 filed on June 2, 1999, which in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to provisional application number 60/096,146 filed on August 11, 1998 (now abandoned).

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